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I would ask you at this time to join with me in advancing this resolution. It has already been prepared in five states. We have two copies of it before us, one from the State of Delaware, one from the State of Louisiana, we also have Georgia, Maryland, North Dakota who have also passed it. It is being introduced in South Dakota and in Iowa. I think the people of this nation have cried out long enough asking government to stop creating this national debt, to stop mortgaging the future of our children. They'll have the unbearable expense of their own government to pay for. It now amounts to roughly \$2500 to \$3000 per person. There are no proposals in Congress, that I am aware of, to retire this debt. There are those to increase the size of their home offices, of their staff, of their stationery allowance, of their postage allowance, of their trips home, but no mention made of retiring this debt we're visiting on our children. It's an unfortunate legacy that I leave my two sons.

I ask that this resolution be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, that's good and worthwhile. Congressman Murphy, if he'd like to address that issue, can go to Washington. I've been on the floor here many times suggesting that I didn't like the federal government telling us how to run our business. I think now is an appropriate time to say the same to them. I would suggest, if we're really going to do that, we should send back what we think their appropriations should be, what part of their budget should be cut. Again I don't argue with the basic premise that they ought to spend what they take in. I think this is a pretty deaf .... It's a dangerous precedent in terms of us trying to dictate to the federal government in terms of what their programs ought to be and how they ought to run it.

I'd suggest to you that if 2/3 of the people in the states want to change, it's a very easy process, it's called the ballot box. I agree to let the Hruska and, Curtis and McCollister, and Thone, and Mrs. Smith run their business if they'll let us run ours.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think you should hold this over really. I favor ... I'm between two pressures here. I favor that the Congress is spending too much money. We're in a national debt. I think we should pay off the debt and quit going in debt.

The last part of this resolution that disturbs me, because a few years ago.... I've said so in this Legislature. You can check it out. I think we should check it out. Any time that you call a national convention, even though you're resolution says you're going to hold it to one thing, I understand they can hold it and open the whole Constitution. Regardless of what you say, when there's a constitutional convention, a national one, you can change the